

REMARKS

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claim Amendments

Claim 9 has been amended to recite that the food to be cooked is coated with a coating material of batter and/or bread crumbs prior to cooking. Support for this amendment is found on page 5, lines 18-20 of Applicants' specification.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Examiner takes the position that the specification, while enabling for an unfried food that is coated with a batter or bread crumbs, as disclosed on page 5, lines 18-20, does not reasonably provide enablement for any unfried food.

Applicants respectfully assert that this rejection has been rendered moot by the above-discussed claim amendments. Thus, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the ground of rejection set forth by the Examiner has been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please note that this submission is timely filed, as the U.S. PTO was closed December 21, 2009 due to inclement weather.